Lewis Tappan, Nov. 19. 1844

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Rev. A. A. Phelps

Dear Brother,

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I do not know what your salary is. Let me know & if I feel able I will pay the same to you for 6 months to enable you to edit the paper – prepare your arguments summon a Convention &c.

Mr Elders Fairbank went from Aberdeen I have been told. Mr Mahan is here & I will ask him about them.

I wrote a kind & faithful letter to Mr Torrey (as I thought) and he returned me one of the most abusive letters I ever saw. It is a curiosity. Can he be a sane man?

The Exc. Com. of the A. & F. Anti S. Soc. think that whenever a ch shall be organized in Washington & the edifice commenced, they will do something in the way of aid.

E. Wright, Jr. writes that he has made an engagement with Leavitt & Alden. I offered him a salary of $600 here, to write in my office and me otherwise as I might require. He agreed, but afterwards, on his receiving an offer from L. & A. I, at his request, released him.

Dr Nelson is dead. His sons behave badly. The dr was too much I fear like Eli.

Abel Brown is no more. He sank under excessive labor & fatigue. A monitory lesson to us.

I intended writing yesterday, but was not able. Faithfully yours, Lewis Tappan.